



Miami-Dade Parks April 2006 Calendar of Events

Saturday, 1

NASDAQ-100 Open

Thru April 2. Professional men and women tennis championship tournament featuring the sport's top seeds. Call 305-442-3367 for ticket information and match schedules. Crandon Park Tennis Center, 7300 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Redland Historic Bike Hike

1-4 p.m. \$25 includes bike and helmet rental; \$20 with your own bike. Join Castellow Hammock naturalists on this leisurely-paced 12-mile bike hike through the Redland with a stopover at Redland Fruit & Spice Park. Pre-registration is required. Call 305-365-3018 for more information.

WHAF Horse Show

8 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305-554-7334

Establishing a Small Grove

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25. Learn all aspects of establishing and maintaining a small grove; discussions will include: site selection, preparation, security, irrigation and labor. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305-247-5727

Mountain Bike Trails

Sunrise-Sunset. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturdays and Sundays. Mountain bike trails for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

Deering Historic Tours

10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily. Tour the historic 1922 Stone House, the 1896-1900 Richmond Cottage and the 444-acre environmental preserve featuring archaeological sites and rare native flora and fauna. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668

Dog Park

Sunrise-Sunset. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The park offers five acres of enclosed green space with walking trails and water fountains for dogs. Dog Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

Farm Village

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The farm village offers petting zoo daily and pony rides on Saturday and Sunday for children weighing 70 lbs. and less. Pony rides are \$2. Bill Graham Farm Village at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

Amusement Center

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily. Ride a colorful carousel and bike or roller-blade through miles of trails. Carousel operates weekends and holidays only. Three rides for \$1. Crandon Park, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305-361-5421

Skyward Kites

10 a.m.-Sunset. Daily. Add the joy of kite flying to your day at the beach. Kites on sale starting at

\$5 and staff will help with assembly and give instructions on how to be a master kite flyer.
Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, 305-893-0906

Chihuly at Fairchild

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$20 for adults; \$10 ages 6-17. This tropical glass garden will be on exhibit thru May 31. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305-667-1651

Arch Creek Nature Walks

10-11 a.m. \$3. Saturdays; excluding April 22. Join us on this naturalist-guided tour through a native tropical hardwood hammock where the prehistoric Tequesta Indians thrived for hundreds of years living off the land. Call 305-944-6111, one day in advance, for reservations. Meet at Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami.

Wheelchair Tennis Program

9-11 a.m. Free. Saturdays. Ages 12 and older. All skill levels. Call 305-755-7848 (v/tdd) for more information. Big Five Tennis Club, 9299 SW 7 Terr., Miami

Historic Oleta River Canoe Trip

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children ages 7-14. Saturdays; excluding April 22. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 St. and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach.

Crandon Heritage Tram Tours

10-11 a.m. Saturdays; 3-4 p.m. Sundays; excluding April 22. \$2 adults; \$1 children. Take a tram ride through Crandon Park and the Bear Cut Preserve and learn about the Island of Key Biscayne and its fascinating history. Call 305-361-6767 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Key Biscayne Bike Adventure

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 includes bike and helmet rental; \$20 with your own bike; \$15 children. Saturdays and Sundays. Come explore Key Biscayne as you bike along streets and scenic paths of this historic barrier island. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors' and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Evening Sky Viewings

8-11 p.m. Free. Saturdays. Look and learn with the Southern Astronomical Society and view the night sky through high-tech telescopes. Call 305-661-1375 for more information. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

NRA First Steps Course

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$49.94. Saturdays. Ages 21 and older. This course consists of fundamental basic pistol instruction and safety and meets state requirements for the concealed weapons permit. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

Firearm Safety

9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 adults; children free. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn the fundamentals of firearm safety, range rules and regulations. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

Saturdays in the Park with Commissioner Javier Souto

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays. District 10 residents are invited to spend Saturday mornings with Commissioner Souto discussing concerns and issues. Call 305-375-4835 for locations.

Saturday Morning Camp: Drop-n-Shop

9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$5 one child, \$8 two children: \$11 three children. Saturdays. Parents can go

shopping while their children are supervised with activities, games, videos and arts and crafts. Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305-932-2164

Kayak Rentals

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. 2 Person Kayaks: \$15 per hour. Snorkel rental daily for \$7. Rentals at North Beach Kayak Aquatic Concession, southeast of Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305-361-6767

Crandon Kayak & Snorkel Adventure

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. \$50; \$35 for Miami-Dade residents. Saturdays and Sundays; excluding April 22. Explore the colorful tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, cushion stars, herons and other animals that share the fragile and unique sanctuary of the Fossilized Reef. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Matheson Hammock Biscayne Bay Tour

10 a.m. and 4 p.m. \$25; \$15 ages 7-14. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore mangrove forest-lined creeks and discover the secretive lives of the habitat's wildlife. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet the A.D. Barnes Park naturalist guides at Redfish Grill in Matheson Hammock Park, 9610 Old Cutler Rd., Miami.

Crandon Bayside Canoe Adventure

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$40 adults, \$25 for Miami-Dade residents; \$15 ages 7-14. Saturdays and Sundays; excluding April 22. Discover the peaceful bayside waters of Key Biscayne and the endless mangrove forest where great blue herons, iguanas and spotted eagle rays flourish. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Boat Rentals

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoes and kayaks for adults are \$4.50 per half hour and \$3 for children. Paddleboats are \$6 per half hour. The Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach, 305-945-3425

Crandon Bear Cut Preserve Nature Walks

10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m. \$2. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore a rare remnant of Miami's remaining maritime hammock, scrub, dunes and beach habitat and mangrove forest. Call 305-361-6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

Guided Historical Nature Walk

2-4 p.m. \$3 per person; \$4 per vehicle entrance fee. Saturdays and Sundays. See animals in their natural surroundings and learn about plant life that might not be seen on a paved trail. Call 305-945-3425 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

SUNDAY, 2

Black Point Sunset Canoe Tour

4-7 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 9-14. Paddle out into Rainbow Cove to explore and encounter marine life and birds that inhabit the waters around the mangrove islands. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at the Pirate's Cove Restaurant, 24775 SW 87th Avenue, Miami

Batting Cages

9-11 a.m. \$5 for 15 minutes; \$25 for an hour. Sundays. Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305-932-2164

Fall Campfire

4-8:30 p.m. \$15. Also, April 30. Begin the evening with a hike learning about medicinal and edible plants. Then take a canoe trip on the Oleta River to the campgrounds for storytelling, craft making and marshmallow roasting around the campfire. Call 305-945-3425 for reservations. Meet at the Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach.

Pelican Harbor Kayak and Snorkel Trip

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$35, plus \$7 snorkel rental. Also, April 30; other date and time: Saturday, April 8, 2-5 p.m. Break away from it all by kayaking and snorkeling in the shallows around a series of small islands in North Biscayne Bay that provide viable habitats for coastal birds and marine life. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at Pelican Harbor Marina, 1275 NE 79 St., Miami Beach.

MONDAY, 3**Annual Oscar Thomas Memorial Exhibition**

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday thru May 21. Annual Oscar Thomas Memorial People's art Exhibition is a tribute to the memory of the late, much beloved and highly prolific Miami artist Oscar Thomas whose talent, generosity and artwork made their mark on Miami. The public is invited to attend the opening reception, Monday, April 3, 6-9 p.m. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305-638-6771

TUESDAY, 4**Florida Super Stars**

\$40 monthly tuition; \$25 registration fee and all students must own a baton. Come learn the art of baton twirling, dance and cheerleading. For more information call, 954-438-2075, or visit website at www.floridasuperstars.com. Tuesdays: Beginners class, Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., Miami; Thursdays: Ages 5 to 7 class is from 6-7 p.m. and ages 8-12 from 7-8 p.m., Ron Ehmann Park, 10995 SW 97 Ave, Miami.

Yoga Classes

6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays or 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays. \$60 six-week session, 3/28-5/3. Yoga taught by Marlene Shulman. Call 305-235-1668, ext. 242 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Volunteer Workdays at Kendall Indian Hammocks

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers help restore natural areas by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings or picking up trash. Call 305-257-0933 to register. Kendall Indian Hammocks, 11345 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Sociedad Gratei

8 p.m. \$13-35. Also, April 9 at 3 p.m. A production presented by Sociedad Gratei. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305-547-5414, ext. 0

WEDNESDAY, 5**Arch Creek Ghost Tours**

7-8:30 p.m. \$5. Wednesdays. Take a night tour of Arch Creek Park and learn about its spooky past. Hear personal accounts of ghostly encounters that have occurred since the late 1800s and maybe have an encounter of your own. Call 305-944-6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

FRIDAY, 7

Student Showcase

7:30 p.m. \$10. Students in the arts programs at African Heritage Cultural Arts Center will showcase their talents in this evening performance. Call 305-638-6771 for more information. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave, Miami

Herbal Symposium and Fair

10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$100 three-day series; \$35 daily lecture and workshop; \$6 festival general admission. Thru April 9. A festival that introduces the world of herbs and spices with lecture series and workshops on how to plant a healing herb garden, enhance the flavor of foods, spice up the inside of your home, and use herb and spices for everyday living and medicinal purposes. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305-247-5727

Double Nine Domino League

7-10 p.m. \$60 per team of two. Fridays. League will meet inside the recreation building at Norman & Jean Reach Park, 7901 NW 176 St., 305-823-2414.

Shooter Clinic

7-8 p.m. Fridays. Free clinic, charge for shotgun rental, trap rounds, shells, ear and eye protection. Ages 18 and older. Learn the sport of Trap shooting, including shotgun safety, game rules, field etiquette, and shooting techniques. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

Rededication of the Oscar Thomas Portrait Mural of Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler

11 a.m. Free. This important mural of the former Miami-Dade Commissioner Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, an ardent cultural advocate and close friend of Oscar Thomas, has been recently restored by students of Miami Jackson High School under the direction of distinguished art instructor Eric Jenkins. Call 305-638-6771 for more information. Northwest 7 Ave. and 75 St., Miami

SATURDAY, 8

"Think Holistic" Weekend

9 a.m.-6 p.m. \$10-\$15, children 12 and younger free. Thru April 9. A weekend to celebrate health, wellness, and well being using herbs and spices as your main medicine cabinet. Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305-247-5727

Castellow Hammock Owl Walk

7-8:30 p.m. \$5. Bring the entire family, and a flashlight, to join our naturalists for an indoor presentation and then a guided night hike through a tropical hardwood hammock in search of the Eastern Screech Owl. Call 305-242-7688 for reservations. Castellow Hammock Park, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Miami

Venom

12-4 p.m. Included with Zoo admission: \$11.50 adults; \$6.75 ages 3-12. Thru April 13. Miami Dade's Anti-Venom Unit will host and an exhibit of native South Florida snakes and demonstrations on how to identify venomous snakes. Call Miami Metrozoo at 305-251-0400 for more information. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami

Crandon Park Bird Walk

7:30-9:30 a.m. \$3. Explore various habitats of the park while finding and identifying numerous bird species that inhabit the area. Call 305-361-6767, ext. 112 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Marina, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

Heritage Horse Show

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305-554-7334

Greynolds Park Owl Prowl

7:30 p.m. \$5. Also, April 30. Enter the darkness of Greynolds Park after sunset for a unique view of the many owls and other creatures that roam when the lights go out. Call 305-945-3425 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

SUNDAY, 9**2nd Annual Deering Seafood Festival on the Bay**

12-6 p.m. \$15 adults; \$5 ages 4-12. Enjoy a daylong seafood festival with delicious food and great musical entertainment. Call 305-233-5858 for ticket prices and details. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Sundays 'til Sundown

4 p.m.-sundown. Every second Sunday. Come relax, listen to live music and learn something new about nature. Call 305-365-3018 for more information. Enter at North Beach Entrance, Parking Lot # 1, Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

East Greynolds Oleta River Kayak Trip

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25. Also, April 23. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 St. and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach.

Family Fun Day

1-3 p.m. \$5. Also, April 23. Bring the family for a fun-filled afternoon nature adventure, archaeological digs, pottery making and learn about plants and animals on a guided trail walk. Call 305-944-6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

MONDAY, 10**Spring Camp**

Miami-Dade Parks offers spring break camps featuring sports, games and the arts for youth ages 6-14 thru April 14. Call 305-755-7800 for information. Miami Metrozoo (305-255-5551) and Deering Estate (305-235-1668) are also holding camps.

THURSDAY, 13**Crandon Sunset and Moonlight Bayside Canoe Adventure**

7-9 p.m. \$40 adults, \$25 for Miami-Dade residents; \$15 ages 7-14. Discover the water wilderness and the forgotten secret parts of Key Biscayne by moonlight. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Marina, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

Deering Estate Moonlight Canoe Tour

7-11 p.m. \$35. Ages 18 and older. Canoeists will enjoy the moonlit beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

SATURDAY, 15

Indian Key Canoe and Snorkel Tour

7 a.m.-7 p.m. \$45. Paddle over to the key which is the first government seat of Miami-Dade County, explore the island on foot and then explore the clear waters surrounding the key. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

The Great Miami Metrozoo Egg Safari

11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Included with zoo admission: \$11.50 adults; \$6.75 ages 3-12. Thru Sunday. Continuous egg safaris for kids 12 and under at the picnic and jazz fields. Event features face painting, crafts, a bounce house, rock climbing, water tag, the Easter Bunny, and more! Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305-251-0400

The Misunderstood Mammal: The Bat!

7 p.m. \$5. Also, April 22. Learn about these fascinating creatures and discover why they are so beneficial to us. Call 305-945-3425 for reservations. Meet at the Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach.

Eco-Bike Tour at Metrozoo

8-10 a.m. \$25 includes bike and helmet rental; \$20 with your own bike; includes a zoo admission pass for a future visit. Take a leisurely paced bike ride through endangered Pine Rockland habitat that surrounds Miami Metrozoo, then spend a day at the zoo experiencing many of the wildlife exhibits and fun activities. Call 305-365-3018 to register. Meet in front of the campground store at Larry and Penny Thompson Park Campground, 12451 SW 184 Street, Miami.

Baynanza Clean-Up by Canoe

3:30-7 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children 14 and younger. Enjoy a canoe ride from sunset canal to Coral Reef Park and help gather some of the floating trash that endangers much of the sea life when canal water is released into the bay. Call 305-365-3018 for more information. Meet at Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami.

THURSDAY, 20

A Tribute to April's Cultural Icons

6 p.m. Free. The month of April contains the birthdays of a host of notable cultural luminaries, including Dr. Maya Angelou, Paul Robeson, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington, to name only a few, who will be honored with a special display, film showings, discussion and reception. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., 305-638-6771

FRIDAY, 21

Heart of the City and Africa Reconnect present Hugh Masekela

8 p.m. \$30 preferred seating; \$25 general admission. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305-636-2350

SATURDAY, 22

Africa Reconnect

1-5 p.m. \$10; free with April 21 Hugh Masekela ticket stub. An afternoon of seminars and performance workshops presented by the Diaspora Coalition, and facilitated by Le Ballet Ivoire Spectacle and the Africa Reconnect Committee. Call 305-636-2350 for more information. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami

"Carmen"

7 p.m. \$21-150 Also, April 23 at 2 p.m.; April 25, 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. The gypsy Carmen captures the heart of the young soldier, who sacrifices everything to be with her. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305-547-5414, ext. 0

Convoy Point Canoe Trip

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25 adults. Enjoy an outing from Convoy Point along the scenic shoreline of Biscayne Bay, for a chance to see a variety of wading birds, sea birds, fish and other interesting wildlife associated with shallow water mangrove estuaries. Call 305-365-3018 for more information. Meet at Biscayne National Park's Convoy Point, 9700 SW 328th Street, Homestead.

Family Campfire & Night Walk

7-9:30 p.m. \$5, Also, April 29. Join park naturalists to learn about scary nighttime critters and then search for them on the nature trail after dark. Afterwards, enjoy a campfire with marshmallow roast and star viewing with Southern Cross Astronomical Society. Pre-registration is required, please call Bill Sadowski Park at 305-255-4767.

Arch Creek Park Pioneer Days

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Come experience pioneer life at Arch Creek Park by observing and interacting with performers. Arch Creek Park, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami, 305-944-6111

SUNDAY, 23**The Birth of the City of Miami**

3 p.m. Free with paid park admission: \$5 adults; \$3 children under 12. Native Miamian Dr. Paul S. George will be a guest speaker in honor of Dade Heritage Days. Gold Coast Railroad Museum, 12450 SW 152 St., Miami, 305-253-0063, www.goldcoast-railroad.org

Loxahatchee Arthur R. Marshall National Wildlife Refuge Van Tour

8 a.m.-4 p.m. \$40 adults; \$20 ages 9-17. Spend a day exploring the northern Everglades, including a cypress swamp boardwalk and marsh trail explorations where wading birds, hawks, alligators and migrating waterfowl can be spotted. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Trip meets at the Greynolds Park Boathouse, 17530 West Dixie Hwy, North Miami Beach.

MONDAY, 24**Magic City Monday: The Ciboney Tribe**

10:30-11:30 a.m. \$3. A musical performance in honor of Earth Day. Call 305-636-2350 for reservations. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami

SATURDAY, 29**Paso Fino Jr. Horse Show**

8 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami 305-554-7334